Centres, Special Area Games (SAG) Centres and Centres of Excellence, to identify talented/elite sportspersons.

9. Concerted steps are underway for further strengthening and modernizing the infrastructure of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), and significantly increase the number of young sportspersons under training in the various facilities of SAI.

10. The Ministry is also considering the launching of a 'Panchayat Yuva Khel Abhiyan' with the aim of significantly enhancing access to organized sports and games facilities for the youth, particularly in the rural areas and in the process widening the catchment for sporting and nurturing of sports talent and promotion of excellence in sports. Discussions with the State Governments, the ministries concerned and other stake holders are underway..

All the schemes are being reviewed on a continuing basis with a view to further streamlining and bringing in further improvements, as may be found necessary, from time to time.

Scrutiny of Indo-US nuclear deal by AEC

102. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Atomic Energy Commission would scrutinize the Indo-US Civilian Nuclear Agreement once it is approved by the US Senate and Congress;

(b) if so, whether this exercise would enable concerns raised by the political parties resolved at that point of time when the US Parliament had already approved the Agreement; and

(c) how the assertion of the AEC that "We (AEC) will not allow any one to take India for a ride" would get actually translated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The July 18 Joint Statement signed between India and USA reflected number of actions that both India and US would reciprocally undertake to achieve full civil nuclear energy

cooperation. In the July 18, Joint Statement, President Bush had agreed that he could seek the agreement of the US Congress to adjust US Laws and Policies to enable full civil nuclear energy cooperation and trade with India. The President has already approached the Congress. The House of Representatives had already approved legislation allowing a presidential waiver from certain sections of current US legislation that inhibited the civilian nuclear cooperation with India. Similar legislation has been adopted in the Senate. The two Bills will be reconciled and a single Bill resubmitted to the House and Senate for adoption.

India has a number of serious concerns on the provisions in the draft Senate and House of Represenatives Bill. These were articulated by the Prime Minister in his statement in the Rajya Sabha on 17 August, 2006 and fully took into account the concerns raised by the political parties in Parliament. These concerns have been conveyed to the US side at various levels including at the highest level, to ensure that these are fully addressed. The Atomic Energy Commission has been fully briefed and has been discussing these developments. The Government of India is closely monitoring further developments.

Setting up four new sites for nuclear generation

103. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation of India propose to set up additional nuclear generation capacity plants of 6,000 to 10,000 mw on the four new sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a project is also proposed to be set up in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) the Government has constituted a Site Selection Committee (SSC) to locate suitable coastal sites for setting up nuclear power plants based on imports with a total power capacity to 6000 to 10000 MWe at each site.

(c) and (d) The Site Selection Committee is presently evaluating sites